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Channel 280A
Westerville, Ohio

Dear Ms. Searcy:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Ohio Radio Associates, Inc. are an original and six (6) copies of its "Second Motion to Enlarge Issues Against Davis."

Please contact the undersigned in our Washington, D.C. office.

Respectfully submitted,

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DAVID A. RINGER

et al.,

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Permit for a New FM Station,
Channel 280A, Westerville,
Ohio

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To: Administrative Law Judge
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SECOND MOTION TO ENLARGE ISSUES AGAINST DAVIS

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SECOND MOTION TO ENLARGE ISSUES AGAINST DAVIS

Ohio Radio Associates, Inc. ("ORA"), by its attorneys, pursuant to Section 1.229 (b)(1) of the Commission's Rules, hereby submits this motion to enlarge the issues against Shellee F. Davis ("Davis"). This motion is based on documents exchanged by Davis on May 10, 1993, pursuant to the standard document production, and thus is timely filed within fifteen (15) days of the discovery of new information. In support of its motion to enlarge the issues, ORA submits the following comments.

Davis exchanged a copy of a letter, dated December 23, 1991, from Mid-Ohio Communications, Inc. The letter states in pertinent part that Mid-Ohio is "willing to negotiate" and has an "intent to negotiate" with Davis as to use of its transmitter tower and facilities. Moreover, "mutually acceptable terms" would be negotiated in the future. Within sixty (60) days of the date of the letter, Davis was required to make a satisfactory showing to Mid-Ohio of her financial qualifications to enter into lease arrangements for the tower and facilities.

Under long-established Commission policy, Davis does not have "reasonable assurance" of Mid-Ohio's tower site. National Communications Industries, 6 FCC Rcd 1978, 1979, para. 10 (Rev. Bd. 1991), aff'd, 7 FCC Rcd 1703, para. 2 (1992), "reasonable assurance" of the availability of a tower site requires more than a "willingness to deal" on the part of the tower site owner; Rem Malloy Broadcasting, 6 FCC Rcd 5843, 5846, para. 14 (Rev. Bd. 1991), the fact that the site owner could foresee no problem in giving a lease does not constitute "reasonable assurance" where lease terms remain to be negotiated, citing William F. and Anne K. Wallace, 49 FCC2d 1424, 1427 (Rev. Bd. 1974); Adlai E. Stevenson, 5 FCC Rcd 1588, 1589, para. 6 (Rev. Bd. 1990), the fact that the site owner has indicated that he will discuss the possibility of a lease at some future date is insufficient, citing El Camino Broadcasting Corp., 12 FCC2d 25, 26 (Rev. Bd. 1968).

A "willingness to negotiate" does not constitute "reasonable assurance." Emission de Radio Balmeseda, Inc., 7 FCC Rcd 8629, n. 4 (Rev. Bd. 1992). Although rent and other details may be negotiated in the future, the basic terms of a

tower lease must be negotiated in order to possess "reasonable assurance." Great Lakes Broadcasting, Inc., 6 FCC Rcd 4331, 4332, para. 11 (1991), citing National Innovative Programming Network of the East Coast, 2 FCC Rcd 5641, 5643, para. 11 (1987).

An applicant is required to negotiate with the site owner in order to possess "reasonable assurance." Dutchess Communications Corp., 101 FCC2d 243, 253, para. 14 (Rev. Bd. 1985). Some basic negotiations between the applicant and the site owner must occur in order to constitute "reasonable assurance." Cuban-American Limited, 2 FCC Rcd 3264, 3266, para. 13 (Rev. Bd. 1987), rev. denied, 5 FCC Rcd 3781, para. 2 (1990). Even if a site owner would "favorably consider" use of his property and would at a future date commence "negotiations for finalizing arrangements," this is insufficient. Lee Optical and Associated Cos. Retirement and Pension Fund Trust, 2 FCC Rcd 5480, 5486, para. 23 (Rev. Bd. 1987).

Accordingly, based on applicable Commission precedent, the Mid-Ohio letter does not constitute "reasonable assurance" of a tower site. Therefore, a tower site availability issue must be specified.

Another independent basis to specify a tower site availability issue is the failure of Davis to comply with the express terms of the Mid-Ohio letter. It required Davis to demonstrate to Mid-Ohio within sixty (60) days of the date of the letter her financial qualifications to enter into a tower and facilities lease. Although Davis was required, pursuant to Section 1.325 (c)(1)(F), to produce on May 10, 1993, all documents relating to her proposed tower site, she failed to produce any such documents required to be shown to Mid-Ohio in 1992. Thus, it must be presumed that Davis failed to comply with Mid-Ohio's requirements and conditions precedent to enter into a lease arrangement. The failure of an applicant to meet the express conditions required by a tower site owner raises a substantial and material question of fact as to whether the applicant has "reasonable assurance" of its proposed tower site. Cuban-American Limited, 3266, paras. 12-13.

Accordingly, the Presiding Judge is requested to specify the following issue:

To determine whether Shellee F. Davis has "reasonable assurance" of her proposed tower site, and if not, whether she is basically qualified to be a Commission licensee, and thus whether her application should be granted?

If this issue is specified, ORA requests that all documents, not already exchanged, relating to the proposed tower site of Davis and relating to her contacts with Mid-Ohio, be produced.

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, ORA requests that the foregoing issue be specified against Davis.

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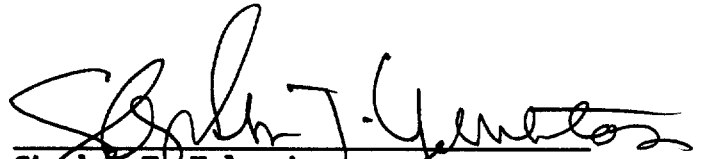
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